



FRIENDS OF WHITE OAK MINUTES

May 11, 2021 at 7pm - ONLINE MEETING

Recording may be found at <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/exec/wosg/index.html>

1) Welcome (7:00pm)

- a. PRESENT: Dave, June, Fatmata, Shane, Brian, June, Rachael, Ken, Kim, Barry, and Daniel. Shane, Elisse, and Rob were necessarily absent.
- b. The new Intern Sara Wiatrak was introduced; Kim was thanked for her efforts in recruiting Sara.

2) Minutes from April 13, 2021 were approved.

3) Discussion

- a. Beautification of Key Intersections and the Lockwood Transit Center
 - i. Pete shared intersection aerals, the FY21 and FY22 Budgets as well as June's beautification report. Barry suggested similar efforts like the Bethesda, Silver Spring and Wheaton Urban Districts and asked for Sara to research them. Rachael suggested upping the amount of funds and moving other items to FY22. June gave her report starting with Lockwood Transit Center and the dumpster issues at the White Oak Shopping Center. Brain agreed to investigate the shopping center situation. Board decided on and approved \$44K for beautification, \$3K for website, and \$3k for intern. June was thanked for her great work.
- b. Signage – Welcome Signs and Banners – moved to June discussion with the FY22 Budget

4) Updates from Montgomery County Police – Lt. Cole has retired, and Pete has requested a new Police liaison for FOWO.

5) Updates from Pete

- a. FY21 Budget for FOWO – this topic was discussed with the above beautification topic.

6) Updates from the Board

- a. Board Member Assignments Progress Reports
 - i. Kim gave her report on budget, planning, Board's future officer and succession needs, elections in the fall, who is rolling off the Board. Kim was thanked for her tremendous efforts.
 - ii. Pete discussed the CHI Center is still interested in a partner for their building and the Executive has Pete and others on a team looking into the possibilities. These include a use like the Open Works in Baltimore and programs with Montgomery College.

- iii. Ken gave report ????, June talked about doing activities like wine tasting and an art walk.
- iv. Dave spoke to Jonathan and convened the sense of urgency to see Viva start. Jonathan reassured Dave that things are moving forward. Rachael would like to see more public notice and public relations. Shana would like Jonathan Genn as a guest speaker at September meeting. Pete clarified the Town Center has two phases with phase one being retail and phase two being mixed use with residential. Pete asked if the Board wishes to meet in July and August of 2021. July only. Shana noted next year will be a political year and FOWO should plan to participate in the process with candidate speakers.
- v. Barry mentioned the importance to have new police person, crosswalk at 29/Stewart
- b. Other Comments

7) From the Public – Opportunity to Bring up a Topic Not on the Agenda

- a. Margie Goergen-Rood asked about the WO vs WF
- b. A guest asked about the situations with Shop Rite and Sears. Pete will investigate both.
- c. Shana to write letter of support to Pandemic Center coming to White Oak.

8) Adjourn (9:05pm)